



Citizen Connection

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Spring/Summer 2012

Greetings from the Mayor ~

Summer is in the air and the City of Havre de Grace is the perfect place to enjoy outdoor activities! I am looking forward to the wide range of special events that will take place in our parks and around the City. I especially enjoy meeting visitors and spending the warm summer evenings with friends and neighbors and being a part of what Havre de Grace brings to you and your family.

With the recent renovations to David Craig Park, you will find a spectacular view of the Susquehanna River and amenities for a perfect picnic. Also, don't forget about "Friday Concerts in Tydings Park" sponsored by the Arts Commission. Walks along the promenade and the Lafayette Trail are also a few great ways to enjoy family fun at no cost. Take time this summer to learn more about our City's history with visits to our six museums. Make sure to "Think Local First" when dining out and shopping for a special gift. Our City has so much to offer people of all ages.

As our fair City continues to grow, I am pleased we are keeping pace with improvements. In addition to improving our parks, we have a clear plan in place to improve the city's infrastructure. This progress is evident with scheduled improvements to our roads, bridges, water and waste water system, and recreational facility upgrades. You will often see city staff around the town and throughout your neighborhood maintaining grounds, facilities, roadways and safety.

As Mayor of the City of Havre de Grace, I am fortunate to have the assistance of our Council supporting the many projects designed to move our City forward. Council President Randy Craig and Council members, John Corrieri, Barbara Wagner and newly elected Bill Martin, David Glenn and Joe Smith contribute much time and effort to serve you and our community. I am confident their positive approach to the betterment of our City will bring great results as we work through the challenges that come before us.

Please call City Hall with any questions or concern you may have. I encourage you to visit our newly designed website at www.havredegracemd.com for the latest legislation, information about upcoming events, City Services, Economic Development and more. Also, consider attending the City Council Meetings, 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:00 pm. I look forward to seeing you around our fair City!



Wayne H. Dougherty

Mayor, City of Havre de Grace
wayned@havredegracemd.com

Have you accessed the City Website?

Go to: www.havredegracemd.com and click on the tab: **City Functions**.

You will see the following drop down list: *Administration, City Marina, Economic Development, Finance, Planning & Zoning, Police, Public Works and Tourism*.

Most of your questions can be answered at the click of a button!

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Visit Us on the WEB for:

- Current Happenings
- Notices of Public Hearings
- Changes to Trash Collection Schedule
- Proposed Ordinances
- Resources - Local, County and State
- City Services
- Commonly Asked Questions
- Info. for and a listing of all businesses
- Link to: Calendar of Events
- Permits, Applications ...and MORE!

INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

June 26 ~ July 1

CARNIVAL

July 1st Schedule of Events:

2:00 pm Parade - Union Ave.

7:00 pm Concert in the Park

9:15 pm Fireworks at the Park

Introducing

The Havre de Grace City Council

We the People ~ For the People ~ By the People

Elections are held every year in the month of May - one year three council seats are voted upon, the next year it is the Mayor and the other three council seats.

All are 2-year elected positions.

(Election year is noted after each name.)

Committee Appointments

The Council President appoints Council Members to committees to help ensure City Laws and Ordinances are understood and followed. Each committee consists of at least three Council Members, one serving as the Chair. The Mayor also appoints Council members to serve as liaison to the various committees, commissions and advisory boards as defined by the City Charter.

*** denotes COMMITTEE CHAIR**

(Mayor Dougherty, Elected May 2011, serves as liaison to: HdG Chamber of Commerce, HdG Main Street, Inc. and the HdG Museum Alliance)

Randolph E. Craig - May 2011

Council President

randyc@havredegracemd.com



* Administrative Committee
Budget & Finance Committee
Public Works Committee

Council Liaison to:
Arts Commission, RAD Loan App.
Review, HdG Rec Council,
Rt. 40 Access Sub-committee

John Correrri - May 2011

johnc@havredegracemd.com



* Budget & Finance Committee
Planning Committee
Public Safety Committee

Council Liaison to:
Tourism Advisory Board
Water & Sewer Commission

David Glenn - May 2012

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* Public Safety Committee
Administrative Committee
Parks & Harbor Committee

Council Liaison to:
Street & Safety Advisory Board
War of 1812 Bi-Centennial
Rt. 40 Access Sub-committee
Brd of Ed. & Harford Co. Council

William T. Martin- May 2012

billm@havredegracemd.com



* Parks & Harbor Committee
Administrative Committee
Public Safety Committee

Council Liaison to:
Appearance & Preservation
Commission (Historic), Museums,
War of 1812 Bi-Centennial,
Rt. 40 Access Sub-committee

Joseph Smith - May 2012

joes@havredegracemd.com



* Public Works Committee
Budget & Finance Committee
Planning Committee

Council Liaison to:
Economic Development Board
Water & Sewer Commission
War of 1812 Bi-Centennial
Greenways

Barbara Wagner - May 2011

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* Planning Committee
Public Works Committee
Parks & Harbor Committee

Council Liaison to:
Planning Commission
Marina Commission
Municipal Tree Commission

If you would like to be a working member of one of the Boards or Commissions,
you may submit an application to:

City Hall, 711 Pennington Ave., Havre de Grace, MD 21078

COMMISSIONS and BOARDS	Meeting Schedule
Arts Commission	7:00 p.m. Fourth Tuesday of each month at Police Department
Historic Preservation Commission	7:00 p.m. Second Tuesday of each month at City Hall
Planning / Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m. Second & Fourth Monday of each month at City Hall
Street & Traffic Safety Advisory Board	6:00 p.m. Fourth Monday of each month at City Hall
Municipal Tree Commission	7:00 p.m. Second Monday of each month at City Hall
Water/Sewer Commission	January & July of each year and meet as needed. July: to review the revenue and expense experience of the fiscal year just completed.

The following Boards and Commissions **Meet as Needed:**

- Board of Appeals • Board of Election Supervisors • Economic Development Advisory Board • Ethics Commission
- War of 1812 Commission • Marina Commission • Revolving Loan Review Committee • Tourism Advisory Board

Department of Economic Development

Meghan M. Simmons, Manager 410-939-1800 x 1119

SHOP LOCAL! Welcome these NEW BUSINESSES to Havre de Grace !

Save A Lot

Route 40 Havre de Grace Plaza

D' Bohemia

Treasure trove of vintage, hand-painted furniture, antiques and one-of-a-kind finds
425 St. John Street

Creative Sanctuary

Drawing, painting, mixed media art, textiles and dance
114 N. Washington St.

Smiles from Heaven photography

Portraiture, weddings, events & fundraising
608 S Union Ave., Suite A

Wonder Toys

Educational & Creative toys for all ages
311 St. John St.

Biller's Bikes - not new, just moved!
213 N. Juniata St.

Summertime Events

Don't miss out! Our summer season is packed with special events! Here's a sample of the many activities for all ages to enjoy:

- Car Shows
- Kayak Races
- Lawn Mower Races
- Blues Festival
- 48th Art Show
- Concerts
- Pirate Festival
- Lecture Series
- First Fridays
- 32nd Seafood Festival
- Museum Displays
- Shakespeare Theater
- Farmers' Market
- Sailboat Races
- River Cruises

For the 2012 Calendar of Events,

Visit us on the web: www.hdgtourism.com

Call 410-939-2100, or

Stop in: Visitor Center, 450 Pennington Ave.

Office of Tourism

Brigitte Peters, Manager 410-939-2100

Planning for Home Improvements?

*Building a deck
or putting up a shed?*

**Please contact City Hall
to see if you need a building permit.
410-939-1800 x-1102**

Department of Planning & Zoning

W. Neal Mills, Director 410-939-1800 x-1122

City Services for Residents

- City Street Repairs
- City Trees & Grounds Maintenance
- Public Safety
- Snow/Ice Removal
- Water Production
- Water Service
- Waste Treatment
- Waterways & Public Parks Maintenance
- Curbside Collections of: Trash, Recycles, Yard Waste, Bulk Metal Items

**For
Curbside Collection
Schedule,
visit website or call
410-939-1800**



DPW staff putting in the
new sidewalk
at Tydings' Park

Department of Public WORKS

Larry F. Parks, Director 410-939-1800 x 1107

Throughout our city, DPW staff are actively working to provide services such as those listed to the left. The following is a snapshot of some of the many projects recently completed, in process, or scheduled by City staff and/or contractors:

Water Lines:

- Rt. 40/Lewis Lane
- Jerry Foster Way & Concove Way
- Giles Street

Water Main Valves: 8" , 4"

- Bloomsbury Avenue
- Union Avenue
- St. John Street
- Green Street
- Old Bay lane

Paving Projects

- Giles Street
- Canvasback Drive
- O'Neil Court
- Fender Court
- Old Bay Lane

Storm Drains & Outlets

- Concord Cove
- Lewis Lane & Revolution St.
- Freedom Lane & Commerce St.

Reconstruction Projects

- Lewis Lane & Rt. 40 (to CSX crossing)
- Canvasback Drive
- Old Bay Lane - paving only

Park Improvement

- David Craig Park
- Tydings' Park - sidewalk

Traffic Safety - Erie Street

Polybuteline Pipe Replacement

City Yacht Basin - dredging project

In addition to planned projects, DPW crews attend to tasks as they arise....such as cleaning up debris left from major storms.



...and the Rains Came



Within a 2-week period, we saw Hurricane Irene followed by Tropical Storm Lee. Pictured here is the City Yacht Basin at Tydings' Park.

Department of Finance ~ Makes Cents!

George M. DeHority, Director 410-939-1800 x 1105

Disabled Veterans

Blind Persons

Religious Groups

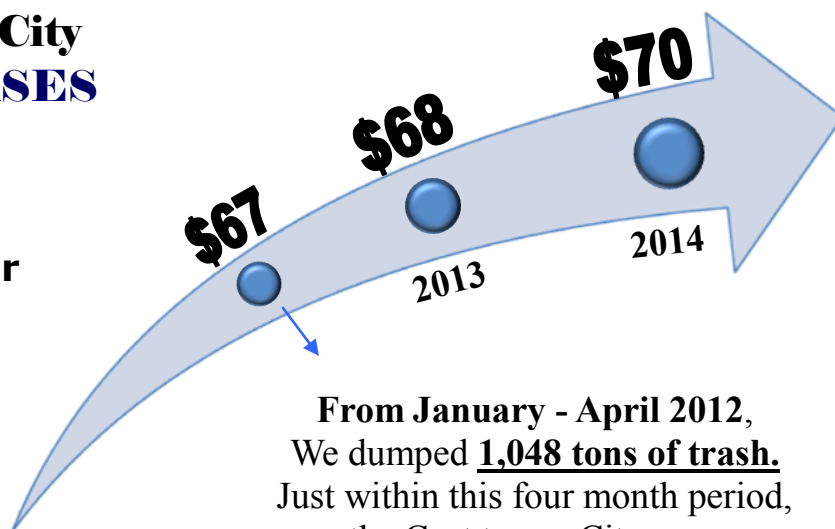
May be Eligible for Tax Relief

According to the State Department of Assessments & Taxation (SDAT), some credits and possibly exemptions are available to tax payers. Contact SDAT at **410-836-4800**. They will be able to assist you with how to file for any program that can help you financially.

For more information, visit their website at www.dat.state.md.us.

The COST per ton to the City to Dump Trash **INCREASES** each Year!

How can we work together
to Lower the Cost?



From January - April 2012,
We dumped 1,048 tons of trash.
Just within this four month period,
the Cost to our City was:
\$70, 200.00.

Flush Tax Increase - Relief for Those In Need

The State of Maryland recently doubled the Bay Restoration fee, commonly called the Flush Tax. These fees are dedicated to cleaning the Chesapeake Bay.

Residents can file an exemption from this tax if they can show a financial hardship. Contact City Hall at 410-939-1800 or visit us on the web at www.havredegracemd.com

The Cost of Filling Your Pool

You may find when shopping around for a water service to fill your pool that prices greatly vary.

Don't forget to contact the City of Havre de Grace. The cost for using City water may actually be less expensive than using another water source.

To help calculate your cost, call 410-939-1800 x-1109.

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Havre de Grace Police

Teresa G. Walter, Chief 410-939-2121



PUBLIC SAFETY CLUB AT HHS *Off to a great start!*

This school year marked the beginning of what promises to be a great opportunity for students to learn about public safety from a law enforcement perspective.

Under the leadership of Officer Dan Petz and in partnership with HHS leaders, the Public Safety Club began in October and ran through May with about 15 enthusiastic students.

According to Officer Petz, "This club gives students a chance to gain pride and respect for the community in which they live. This is achieved by education and volunteering in public service."

The interest expressed by the high school students has encouraged Officer Petz to expand the program to include the middle school as well.



DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERTS

HDGPD is proud to announce that two officers have achieved "Expert" status following the National Drug Recognition Training. For a jurisdiction the size of Havre de Grace to have two officers invited to attend this training is quite an honor. PFC Jonathan Sova and PFC Aaron Sandruck earned this invitation because of their unfailing desire to remove impaired drivers from the roadways.

23%

Major Crime REDUCTION

Statistics from the 2011 Calendar Year compiled by the FBI show that Major Crimes nationwide have **decreased**.

Within the City of Havre de Grace, we have seen a 23% reduction!

According to Police Chief Walter, "One of the contributing factors to the reduction in crime is the willingness of our citizens to get involved and call when they see a crime or feel something could be a potential problem. Citizen involvement is crime prevention at its best."



Open House 2012

Theft Prevention:

Keep car doors locked, windows rolled up, valuables hidden from view.

MARYLAND RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

WASTE WATER SYSTEM of the YEAR



Operated by professional, certified operators and superintendents working as a team, the newly constructed facility *successfully met and exceeded the Goals of the Chesapeake Bay Clean-up Initiative*. The data revealed that the Nitrogen and Phosphorus discharges were considerably below allowable levels.



Mike Walker, Ken Montgomery, and Jim Gill accepted the Award at the Maryland Rural Water Association banquet on May 8th.

Congratulations to all staff at the Havre de Grace Waste Water Treatment Plant.

THE GREEN TEAM Needs YOU! to help with the COMMUNITY GARDEN



Located at 123 Market Street
next to Investment Antiques.
To contact The Green Team:
hdggreenteam@gmail.com

Can We Reach You?

Emergency water turn-off, gas line break,
road closure, missing child, severe weather...

*If you have not received these types of urgent messages
by phone or e-mail, you may not be on our list.*

Contact City Hall at 410-939-1800 x-1130
with the following information:

Name, Address, Home Phone &/or Cell, Email- if you prefer.

We will not share this information with anyone.

It's MOSQUITO SEASON! Remember: Wherever water collects, mosquitoes can breed.

COMMON BREEDING SITES

- Clogged rain gutters.
- Old tires used for playground swings.
- Empty beverage containers, plastic wrappers.
- Bird baths with stagnant water.
- Pet food and water dishes.
- Wheelbarrows,
- Un-used kiddie pools,
- Upside down garbage can lids.



Check ornamental ponds, tree holes and water-holding low areas for mosquito larvae.

Call the nearest Mosquito Control Office (see below) if you find, or suspect, mosquito larvae are present.

If ditches do not flow and contain stagnant water for one week or longer, they can produce large numbers of mosquitoes. Report such conditions to a Mosquito Control Office. Do not attempt to clear these ditches because they may be protected by wetland regulations.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Check around do-it-yourself improvements to ensure that proper backfilling and grading prevent drainage problems.

For Additional Assistance and Advice: Contact Maryland Department of Agriculture Mosquito Control at **410-841-5870** or www.mda.state.md.us



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Helpful Contacts

Contact	Phone
City Hall of Havre de Grace	410-939-1800
Police Department- HdG	410-939-2121
Hospital - Harford Memorial	443-843-5000
U.S. Post Office	410-939-2335
Water Plant	410-939-1070
Wastewater Plant	410-939-1220
HdG Elementary School	410-939-6616
HdG Middle School	410-939-6608
HdG High School	410-939-6600
Meadowvale Elementary	410-939-6622
Parks & Rec - Activity Center	410-939-6724
Chamber of Commerce - HdG	410-939-3303
Miss Utility	800-257-7777
Baltimore Gas & Electric	410-685-0123 or 1-800-685-0123
Comcast Verizon	410-272-7500 1-800-837-4966
Health Dept-Harford Co.	410-838-1500
Pet License - Harford County	410-638-3505
Sheriff's Office-Harford Co.	410-838-6600
Voter Registration	410-638-3565